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Applicants: Fumiki MORIMATSU et al. Conf.: 2745  
Serial No.: 08/952,475 ✓ Art Unit: 1761  
Filed: March 9, 1998 Examiner: CORBIN  
For: MEAT PRODUCT HAVING EFFECT OF INHIBITING  
INCREASE IN BLOOD CHOLESTEROL

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136B**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time period to file a Reply Brief and to request an oral hearing in this application be extended for one (1) month.

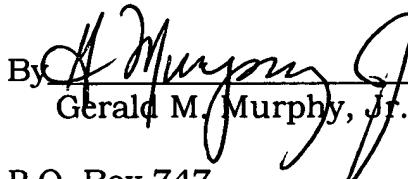
This extension of time is necessary in order to permit Applicants to determine whether such actions should be taken or whether, instead, further evidence should be presented in order to more clearly differentiate the present invention over the prior art. It is noted that the real party in interest herein, Nippon Meat Packers, Inc., is located in Japan, and that delays have been occasioned in this case both by the distance to Japan and the necessity for translating the Examiner's Answer from the English language into the Japanese language. It is expected that Applicants will reach a decision on how to proceed in this matter by July 30, 2002.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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